BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Joint Application of AT&T Communications of California, Inc. (U 5002 C) and WorldCom, Inc. for the Commission to Reexamine the Recurring Costs and Prices of Unbundled Switching in Its First Annual Review of Unbundled Network Element Costs Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 11 of Decision (D.) 99-11-050.

Application 01-02-024 (Filed February 21, 2001)

Application of AT&T Communications of California, Inc. (U 5002 C) and WorldCom, Inc. for the Commission to Reexamine the Recurring Costs and Prices of Unbundled Loops in Its First Annual Review of Unbundled Network Element Costs Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 11 of D.99-11-050

Application 01-02-035 (Filed February 28, 2001)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING LIFTING EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS BAN IN THE UNE REEXAMINATION PROCEEDING

On December 14, 2001, Commissioner Wood instituted a ban on ex parte communications in this proceeding. On February 27, 2002, I mailed a draft decision establishing interim rates for Pacific Bell Telephone Company's unbundled loop and unbundled switching network elements. Pursuant to Rule 77.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, parties may file comments on the draft decision within 20 days of its mailing.

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At the request of the Assigned Commissioner, I will now lift the ban on ex parte communications in this proceeding. I remind parties that this is a ratesetting case and ex parte communications are still governed by Rule 7.

Accordingly, **IT IS RULED** that the ban on ex parte communications with the Commission decisionmakers and Commission's personal advisors regarding the Unbundled Network Elements Reexamination proceeding is lifted effective March 4, 2002.

Dated March 1, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Dorothy J. Duda

Dorothy J. Duda

Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Lifting Ex Parte Communications Ban in the UNE Reexamination Proceeding on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 1, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen
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